

did not have a two year statute of limitation with regard to the bill on medical malpractice and distinguishing it from what we are talking about here today. Senator DeCamp, would you care to answer that?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, I do apologize. I was listening, I was handing in an amendment or working on something.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Murphy, would you care to repeat your question?

SENATOR MURPHY: Has anyone seen Red Riding Hood anywhere? John, I was simply stating that this body this morning, accepted the philosophy that we do not have any two year statutory limitations and it was my impression, subject to correction, that we have a two year limit, a statutory two year limit on occurrence for reporting purposes under our malpractice act which parallels the problems that this bill speaks to also.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, having worked X number of hours on the malpractice, I now must tell you, I can't remember whether it is two or four. It may be there. However, maybe we can solve this a lot easier. Senator Mills has proposed a four year, from two to four. I would accept that and I would hope that those who have a sincere interest in the bill would accept it. I think it is a most reasonable compromise and is in accord with almost every other statute, maybe every statute in the book in this area and so I would urge us to just adopt that amendment and as I say, I think that is a major major compromise that I could accept.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, let the record show we do have a two year limit on occurrence in the malpractice issue as it left this body so the state does have a two year limitation. I am not advocating it, but I do not like to sit here and accept the fact that we do not have anything under four years when, in fact, this body did do just exactly that.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator DeCamp, did you wish...? All right then, Senator Mills, I believe we are ready to close on your motion.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, may I ask the Clerk how many are present?

CLERK: There are eleven excused, Senator, and three unaccounted for.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, thank you, I will be very short. I think it is important that we adopt the amendment that I have offered, changing from two to four. Senator Murphy, of course, in his usual quiet way, brings us something that is correct, but watching Senator Murphy of last year, the medical malpractice bill, and there are some differences here, and I do think that it is important that we recognize as Senator DeCamp has said and as Senator Luedtke has said, as a number of people who have studied the statutes that there are, most areas are four years. I think I have explained to you properly how and why two years were put into the bill. It was meat for some people to chew on so that way could be some area of compromise, something they could take out and say we got this particular part and I would ask you to adopt the amendment. Senator DeCamp has said he will accept it in a field in an area of compromise so I have offered it in that manner and ask you to accept it.